NĀ HULA FESTIVAL

'A'ohe pau ka 'ike i ka hālau ho'okahi

All knowledge is not taught in the same school One learns from many sources.

'Ōlelo No'eau #203 Mary Kawena Puku'i

Simply put, hula is a way of life. Hula is more than just a dance form. Hula directs your beliefs, traditions and values. Hula conducts your behavior and shapes who you become. A dancer breathes, eats, and sleeps hula.

Beginning in 1941, the City and County of Honolulu's <u>Nā Hula Festival</u> has celebrated the artistry and grace of Hawai'i's premiere dance form - Hula. The Nā Hula Festival is Hawai'i's longest running annual, noncompetitive hula event. This hula festival began as a means to provide a venue for the kumu hula of the Department of Parks and Recreation to hō'ike their haumāna. Currently, some of the kumu who participate in the hula festival teach in the parks, and some of the other kumu are from the community. Since its inception, the 'ohana of Nā Kumu Hula Puanani Alama and Leilani Alama have participated in the Festival. We are honored that they continue to participate in the Festival.

The 67th annual Nā Hula Festival will be at the Queen Kapi'olani Park Bandstand on, Saturday, August 11 and Sunday, August 12, 2007. The schedule of performances is as follows:

SATURDAY, August 11, 2007

10:00	- 10:50 a.m.	Hālau Hula o Nāwahine
11:00	- 11:50 a.m.	Hula Hālau Nā 'Ōpio O Ko'olau
Noon	- 12:50 p.m.	Nā Wahine O Ka Hula Mai Ka Pu'uwai
1:00	- 1:50 p.m.	Ka Hale I 'O Kahala
2:00	- 2:50 p.m.	Hālau Hula Ka No'eau

SUNDAY, August 12, 2007

10:00	- 10:50 a.m.	Royal Hawaiian Band
11:00	- 11:50 a.m.	Puanani Alama Hula Studio
Noon	- 12:50 p.m.	Leilani Alama Hula Studio
1:00	- 1:50 p.m.	Hālau Hula O Pua 'A'ala Hone
2:00	- 2:50 p.m.	Hālau Hula O Hōkūlani
3:00	- 4:00 p.m.	Ka Pā Hula Hawaiʻi

Please bring your hāli'i (covering, spread), mea 'ai (food, no alcoholic beverages), and enjoy a beautiful, relaxing day of hula at the park. Admission is free.

For more information, please contact Ka'iulani Vincent, Culture and Arts Coordinator at (808) 692-5118.

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